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Letter from Charles E. Fay, Tamworth, New Hampshire, to Anne Whitney, 1907 August 11

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I have been reading over the sentences that I copied from your letter of instructions last Sunday morning, and one or two points have occurred to me, which I venture to submit. In the second paragraph after the words "best interests of the State of New Hampshire and of New England" might it not be well to insert some such word as "preferably" before "as a centre for the study of the first of these phrases ("best interests") establishes a public utility; but, without some modification such as I suggest, a sole object is provided - or rather a sole method of carrying out the larger object expressed in the earlier phrase. Forest conditions in New England may so change with the process of the years as to render this application out of date;

Tamworth, N. H.

August 11. 1907.

Dear Miss Whitney:-

Your brief note of the 6th came to hand just after I had mailed our last to you. I will bear in mind the wish therein expressed.

I have as yet done nothing with regard to a conference with Mr Lawrence, nor do I know where he at present may be. Possibly at Three Mile Island in Lake Winnipegaukee, where I may make a visit later. I will begin by a note to locate him, and then arrange for a personal conference.

but, so far as we can foresee, there will always be ways in which the possessor may serve the "best interests" of the Community - as, for example, by taking the initiative in legislation for securing pure rivers.

The other point I believe I alluded to that morning in our conversation. A "promise or pledge" is made a "condition" of the bestowal of a trust. Would it not be well to make provision (1) for a possible (yet not probable) unwillingness to give such promise, and (2) for a possible (and, we will hope, very improbable) failure to keep it? Nothing is provided against either of these contingencies. To meet the first, some alternative beneficiary would need to be named; for the second some forfeiture provided.

The films taken at Shuburne have been developed, and some of the pictures - notably the one made at the foot of Hubbard's Hill - come out finely. I shall try to have some prints made and mailed to you before many days.

To-day is fine here, but very hot. I can fancy that the cumbuli and cloud shadows as seen from "the Tab" are especially beautiful.

Mrs. Day joins with me in messages of kindest regard. Please extend our greetings to Mrs. + Miss Converse also.

Yours faithfully
Charles E. Day.

[Charles E. Fay.]

Miss Anne Whitney
Shelburne
New Hampshire.

